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 <p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	<b>Application Number</b>	10/722,893
	<b>Filing Date</b>	26 November 2003
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Robert S. MIZEK
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3712
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	John A. Ricci
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	NA-154

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply, twelve (12) pages including two (2) Replacement Sheets (Figs. 2-4 and Figs. 5-7)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (2 pages) and Form PTO-1449 (4 pages)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time for Filing of Response Under Rule 1.136(a) and check for petition fee \$55.00

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) 07/27/2004 MAHMED1 00000002 10722893
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 DP
- iii. ☒ Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 (Small Entity) enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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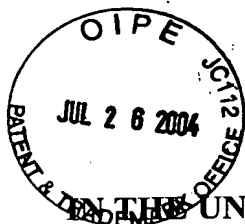
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated as mailed on 20 April 2004,  
please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include two (2) attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.